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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS

Factories

Provision of private rooms for women workers in Madura Mills.

* 1694 Q.—Dr. (Mrs.) S. MUTHULAKSHMI REDDI: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) the number of women workers in the Madura Mills;
(b) whether there is any place of privacy for them to nurse their babies; and

(c) if the answer to (b) be in the negative, whether he will be pleased to take immediate steps to provide them with some convenient place for the mothers to nurse their babies?

A.—(a) 2,220.

(b) A big creche half a furlong from the Mills is available.

(c) Does not arise.

Dr. (Mrs.) S. MUTHULAKSHMI REDDI:—“Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state if this creche belongs to the mill authorities?”

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—
“I think so, but I shall make enquiries.”

Dr. (Mrs.) S. MUTHULAKSHMI REDDI:—“May I know if the women are allowed to go there to feed their babies?”

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—
“That is my information.”

Rao Bahadur C. NATESA MUDALIYAR:—“Will the Government compel the mill authorities to have a baby-home to take care of the babies while the mothers are at work?”

The hon. the PRESIDENT:—“The question does not arise.”

Government Press

Alleged grievances of Government Press employees.

* 1695 Q.—Rao Bahadur C. NATESA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Superintendent, Government Press, passed an order that the Government Press Union ought not to be registered; and that, if registered, the Government Press employees ought not to be members thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that the employees in Government Press are kept on probation for a number of years before they are confirmed;

(c) whether it is a fact that the workmen in Government Press are sent for medical examination to make them permanent after many years of service;

(d) whether it is a fact that the employees in Government Press are fined heavily for slight mistakes;

(e) whether it is a fact that when the employees in Government Press appealed against the heavy fines imposed upon them to higher authorities, no notice was taken of it;